

Jerome “Romey” Williams 1995 outstanding performance



Jerome was a dominant player in the early years of bowling in Syracuse. He was a member of many championship teams in the City League including the 1922-23, 1928-29 and the 1933-34 season. In 1931-32, he had the high average in the City League with a 191. His highest recorded average was 205 in the 1933-34 season, an extremely commendable showing in that era. Jerome was named to the Herald Journal All-Star Bowling Team five times. His tournament credentials include a second-place finish in the City Singles in 1936, ninth place in the New York State Singles in 1932 and a fourth-place finish in the 1931 ABC All-Events. Jerome was a member of the “Optimate Cigar” team, which won the state title in 1935.

Dominick Cefalo 1996 outstanding performance



Dominick has been one of the most formidable competitors in modern Syracuse Association history. He has held a 200+ average for more than 30 years and participated in more than 20 American Bowling Congress National Tournaments, with his best showing being a second-place finish in the 1973 team event. Dom won a state team title in 1977 and a city team title in 1989. In 1972, his 827 toppled the SBA record, which stood for 40 years. Dom is one of the few bowlers who are two-time champions of the Herald Masters, as well as finished second twice. On two occasions, he was named Bowler of the Year.”

Harold “Dodger” Williams 1996 outstanding performance



In 1926, Harold led the City League in average with 197, which at the time was the highest average ever recorded in that league. He was named to the Herald All-Star team on four occasions and bowled with some of the most powerful teams in Syracuse during that era, including North Side Tire,

Roman’s, Byrne Seiberling and Tracy’s Royal Cords. He finished third in the New York State Singles in 1926 and was a member of the Association team champions in 1927.

Pat Bosco 1996 meritorious service



History may not record Pat Bosco’s bowling accomplishments, nor may the bowlers of the next generation know his name, but his contributions to our game will always be known. As manager of the Amos bowling alleys and the Syracuse Bowling Center in the 1950s, Pat organized many leagues that are still in existence today. He

was active in bringing bowling to disabled children and worked closely teaching the children. He established the C.Y.O. bowling league with the Rev. Frank Sammons and at the Amos, he formed the first pin boys league and spent time teaching them the fundamentals.

Steve Szkolnik 1997 outstanding performance



Steve participated in more than 15 American Bowling Congress National Tournaments. In 1984, his A&W Root Beer team won the New York State team title. Steve’s high average was 229 in 1990 and he has been a member of championship teams in the City League, The Greater Syracuse League, The Post-

Standard Classic League and 3-man Classic Leagues. In 1980, he paired with Butch Seymour to win the Van Wie Doubles tournament. Steve has three top-10 finishes in the Herald Masters.

Jack Noonan 1997 outstanding performance



Jack bowled in 10 American Bowling Congress National Tournaments and numerous New York State tournaments. In 1994, he was the New York State Senior Doubles and All-Events champion. He has won six gold medals as well as

several silver and bronze at the Empire State Games. In 1995, he carried a high average of 210. Jack served on the SBA Board of Directors for more than 15 years, including as President in the 2001-02 season.

Harry Raab 1997 Meritorious Service



Harry, who was one of the early bowling proprietors in the Syracuse area, owned the Camillus Clubhouse for more than 40 years. He was a perennial tournament sponsor and supporter of bowling.

Leon Beckwith 1997 outstanding performance



Leon was member of championship teams in the Syracuse City League from 1912 to 1917. He was a member of the first team to represent Syracuse in the New York State Traveling League in 1914. His doubles team won the New York State League title in 1916. After the 1924 season, he was picked to the first team of the

Herald All-Stars by the readers of the newspaper.

Robert Battle 1997 meritorious service



Robert served on the Board of Directors of the Syracuse Bowling Association for more than 45 years and was elected President in the 1970-71 season. He was a charter member of the Syracuse Junior Bowling Association and served as its president for 12 years.

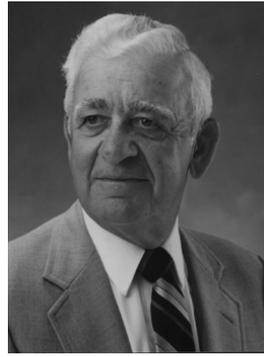
Clarence Smith 1997 meritorious service



Clarence served as President of the Syracuse Bowling Association during the 1992-93 season. He was chairman of the Bowlers Victory Legion committee of both the Syracuse Women's Bowling Association and the Syracuse Bowling Association. Under his leadership, Syracuse was consistently placed in the top five

in donations for the country. He has been a strong supporter of the youth bowling organizations.

Rocky Longo 1997 meritorious service

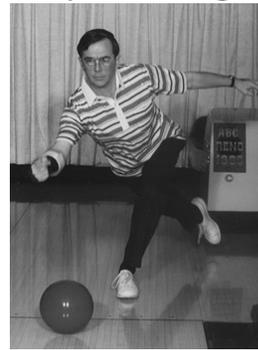


Rocky served on the Board of Directors of the Syracuse Bowling Association for more than 35 years. In the 1983-84 season, he served as President. For many years, he organized full squads of bowlers to attend the New York State Senior Tournament.

He served as secretary of the Crucible Recreation Bowling

League for 15 years and also was secretary of the Greater Syracuse Traveling League for eight years.

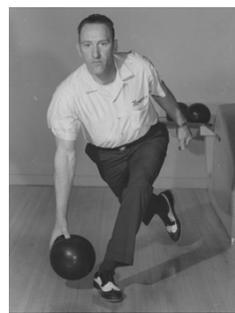
Gary Cunningham 1998 outstanding performance



Gary holds the record for the highest qualifying score in the Van Wie Doubles Tournament and lists a fourth-place finish in the 1974 American Bowling Congress Tournament along with a win in the Vargo Classic Doubles among his career honors. He and Mike Daley won the Van Wie doubles in 1997, 1999 and

2000. Gary was the runner-up in the 2004 Herald Masters, a member of two New York State team championships and a member of the 1986 SBA tournament winning team. He bowled 300 games in the New York State tournament, the Western and Central tournament, and in Herald Masters match play.

Howard Stearns 1998 outstanding performance



Howard was a premier bowler for many years, amassing league titles in virtually every classic league in the area, as well as an SBA team title. In the 1960s and '70s, he often led leagues with high average and was found near the top in most tournament events. He recorded the first 300 game in Van Wie doubles

history. In 1973, Howard qualified for an American Bowling Congress Masters spot and advanced to the finals. He was chosen to bowl exhibition matches against ABC Hall of Famers Ray Bluth and Tom Hennessey in Syracuse. He carries a 196 average for 29 national tournaments.

Cliff Saliba 1999 outstanding performance



Cliff is one of the few bowlers in the Syracuse area who have won an Eagle, which is given to the champions at bowling's National Tournament. His Doug Hein's Niagara Frontier Bowling Supply team Cliff was also a finalist in the ABC Masters tournament. Cliff annually competed in the top tournaments in the Syracuse area

and around New York State, winning the Herald and Post- Standard Masters 1992 and 2005 and finishing second in 2002 and 2006. In the 1995-96 season, he set a then-city record with a 234 average over 128 games.

Sam Piraino 2000 outstanding performance



Sam was one of the outstanding bowlers in Syracuse in the 1960s and '70s. He held an average of 201 from 1965 to 1970. During the 1967-68 season, he was one of only 26 men in Syracuse with a 200+ average and one of only five that averaged over 200 in every league he bowled in. In 1970, he was a New York state doubles champion with Nick Raphael. In

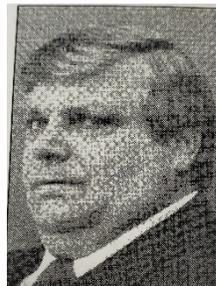
1971 he was a member of the Syracuse Bowling Association team champions, as well as winning doubles and all-events, too. He was again a member of the Syracuse Bowling Association team champions in 1980.

Bill Ryan 1999 meritorious service



Perhaps Bill is remembered to many Central New Yorkers as the voice of Vernon Downs but the bowling community claims him as one of its most distinguished leaders. Bill was the proprietor of Marine Bowl, an eight-lane center in Brewerton, for 17 years. He served as director and promoter of "Syracuse Bowls," a long-running tournament, and also served as manager of the Herald Masters for 10 years. He was an influential member and officer of the local and state bowling proprietor's organization.

Frank Fortino 2000 meritorious service



Frank was involved with the Syracuse Bowling Association Board of Directors for more than 25 years. During the 1994-95 season, he served as President. He has chaired numerous committees over the years, which have had a big impact on the Association. He was a member of the planning committee for the 1999 American Bowling Congress National Tournament that was held in Syracuse. Frank was influential in organizing several Adult/Child tournaments in our area. Frank chaired the merge of the associations until he retired.

Michael X. Daley 2000 outstanding performance



Mike was elected in his first year of eligibility to the Syracuse Bowling Association Hall of Fame. He finished sixth in the American Bowling Congress National Tournament's team and doubles events in 1978. His team won the 1994 New York State championship, and SBA team tournament titles in 1978, 1988,

1993 and 1995. Mike also won a State doubles title in 1997 and has been on championship teams in the City league, The Post- Standard Classic league, and the Pastimes Classic league. His high average is 237, which led the SBA three times. Mike has fourteen 300 games, three 299s, three 298s and eight 800 series. He won the 1977 Herald Masters and the VanWie doubles in 1997 and 1999.

Andrew Melnyk 2001 outstanding performance



Andrew has New York State singles and all-events titles to his credit as well as Syracuse Bowling Association team and doubles titles. His high average is 229 and he also has twelve 300 games, four 299s and seven 800 series. He has been a member of the Greater Syracuse

League for 26 years, winning high average 18 times. Andy won The Post-Standard Masters three times and finished second once. Eleven times he and his partner have qualified for the Van Wie doubles finals.

David Hibbard 2001 outstanding performance



David is a three-time VanWie doubles champion Sonny Pickard and a SBA senior doubles champion three times with John Savage. David finished in the top 12 of the Herald Masters tournament three times. He bowled in more than 20 National Tournaments, averaging 192 on

the national stage. For more than 20 years, he carried a 200+ average in the SBA with the highest being 219 in 1979. He has seven 300 games, two 299s, more than one hundred 700 series, and three 800 series.

Joseph Petrowski Sr. 2002 outstanding performance



Joe has been a high-average bowler in Syracuse for more than 35 years. His high average was 226 and in 1994 he tied a then-all-time high series mark of 854. In 1994, he won the Herald Masters tournament as well as previously finishing third and fourth. Joe finished 24th in his

second PBA tournament. Joe bowled in and cashed in such prestigious tournaments as the Peterson Classic Singles, The Langraf Classic, The Vargo Classic, and the Hoinke Classic.

Joe M. Paussa 2002 meritorious service



Since 1985, Joe has been a certified lane inspector for the Syracuse Bowling Association. He served as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the SBA from 1989 to 1993 and as president in 1995. Joe was elected as a Director of the New York State Bowling Association in 1998. He was instrumental in having the 700 Bowlers Club of America chapter No. 39 reinstated. In 1993, he

represented the SBA in Mobile, Alabama, with the Syracuse Chamber of Congress to help secure the 1999 ABC National Tournament in Syracuse.

John F. Savage 2002 outstanding performance



John has bowled in classic leagues for more than 40 years. He carried a 200+ average in five decades with his high being 216 in 1986. In 1968, John was one of only 26 men out of 20,000 in Syracuse to carry a 200+ average and was one of the 10 men selected to the World of Ten Pins All-Star team. He

bowled in 27 National Tournaments, with his best showing being a 13th-place finish in all-events He has been one of the 12 finalists in the Herald Masters on six occasions.

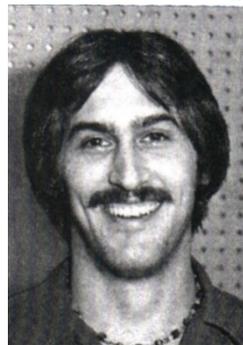
Wilson “Sonny” Pickard 2003 outstanding performance



Sonny won the Van Wie Doubles title times with Dave Hibbard in 1976, 1991 and 1992. In 1995, he won the Syracuse Bowling Association singles title with a score of 778. He has also won two U.S. Open qualifying tournaments. In 2002, he was a member of the New

York State Mixed Team champions. Sonny has consistently been one of the top bowlers in Syracuse for more than 40 years, carrying an average between 210 and 220.

David E. Demperio 2003 outstanding performance



David is a two-time winner of the Herald Masters (1988 and 1989). He also won the Van Wie Doubles title with Frank Lusk. In 1996, David tied a Syracuse Bowling Association record with a triplicate score of 258. He won the Syracuse Bowling Association All-Events title in 1988, and in 2002 he was on

the championship team of the Lilac City Tournament. Twice he had the high average in the Syracuse City League.

Mitchell Balamut 2003 meritorious service



Mitchell served the bowling community for more than 50 years, including as president of the Syracuse Bowling Association in the 1993-94 season. In 1988, he served as President of the Syracuse Bowling Council and he as chairman of the Young American Bowling Alliance for nine years. In 1992, as President of the YABA, he helped to start the in-school bowling program in the Syracuse area.

Robert Steinmiller 2003 outstanding performance



Robert was one of the early stars of the Syracuse Bowling Association. The majority of his bowling was done in Syracuse between 1910 and 1930. Bob's teams won City League title in 1912-13, 1913-14, and 1917-18. In 1913, he carried a high average of 199. Robert paired with Leon Beckwith to win the New York State Doubles championship in 1916.

Robert "Butch" Seymour 2004 outstanding performance



Butch has been an outstanding bowler in the Syracuse area since the 1970s. Twice he was chosen as Syracuse's Bowler of the Year. He made eight "World of Ten Pins" All-Star teams. He had the high average in the City League in 1981-82 and was a member of numerous championship teams in the City League and the Syracuse Bowling Association. In 1980, he paired with Steve Szkolnik to win the Van Wie Doubles.

Joel Mareiniss 2004 meritorious service



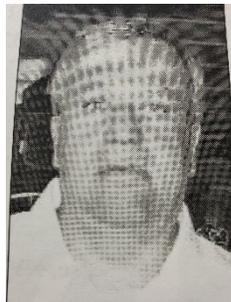
Joel, who worked for WSYR-TV as a sports commentator, served as the host for the long-running TV show "Syracuse Bowls" during the 1960s and 1970s. All bowling enthusiasts knew where they were going to be on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. That is when the bowling show aired live and all wanted to see who was going to be "King of the Hill." During the opening of the show, Joel would always say his familiar phrase of "Stay tuned because the balls will be rolling and the pins will be falling." He was a big reason for the popularity of the show along with Bill Ryan.

Thomas Hinchey 2004 meritorious service



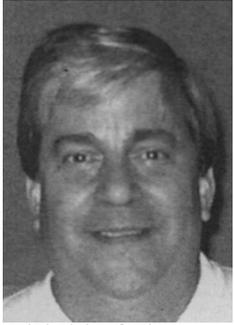
Thomas was known as Syracuse's most enthusiastic deaf bowler. He helped to organize leagues and tournaments for the hearing-impaired. He helped to found the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association and served as its first secretary-treasurer as well as president for 10 years. Thomas also served as president of the Empire State Association of the Deaf. Being a superb writer, Thomas wrote bowling articles for the Silent Worker Magazine. When the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association inaugurated its Hall of Fame in 1955, Thomas was the first person inducted.

Martin Fichera 2005 outstanding performance



Marty has been a familiar name in the Syracuse bowling community for more than 40 years. He carried a 200+ average for more than 20 years with his high being 223 in the 2001-02 season. In 1990, he was the New York State All-Events champion and has been on two New York State Team champions. Marty is a member of the New York State Bowling Hall of Fame. He has three 800 series and five 300 games along with two association team championships and two association doubles championships.

Jay Piraino 2005 outstanding performance



Jay joins a long list of members of the Piraino family to be inducted into the Syracuse Bowling Association Hall of Fame. He has two 800 series and ten 300 games. Seven times he was an association champion, five times with his father in the doubles and winning the all-events in 1980 and 1983. He paired with his father to win the Van Wie Doubles in 1981. Jay's high average is 230.

Al Butler 2005 meritorious service



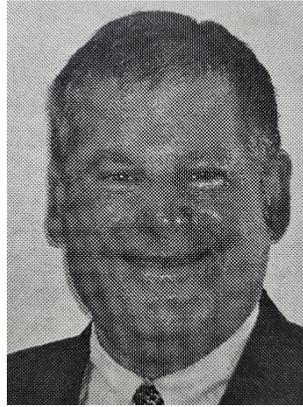
Al has been active in bowling in the Syracuse Bowling Association since the 1930s. He has been a team sponsor and bowler in the Greater Syracuse League for more than 60 years. For almost 30 years, he organized squads and took teams to the Peterson Singles Classic in Chicago. Al also owns and loves horses. He was a member of the Onondaga Harness Horsemen's Association and served on their Board of Directors.

Dick Saliba 2005 meritorious service



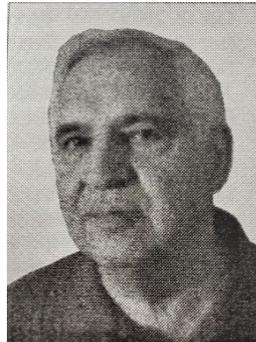
Dick has been a member of numerous championship teams in Syracuse-area classic leagues. He paired with Joe M. Paussa to win the Lilac City Doubles in 2002, and was named "King of the Hill" on the Syracuse Bowls television show. Dick owns the Pro Shop in Liverpool's Lakeview Lanes, and has sponsored countless teams over the years. He has two 300 games.

Theodore Melnyk 2006 outstanding performance



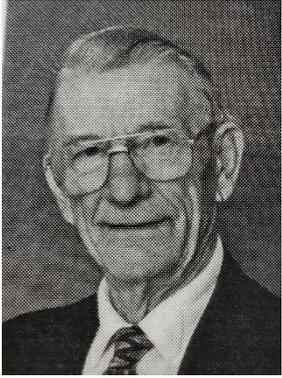
Ted has been a member of the Syracuse Bowling Association for more than 30 years. His highest league average was 229 in the Fremont Classic League in 1997-98. He carries a 193 average in 24 national tournaments, with his best performance coming in 1993 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he shot 2,021 for the nine games, including a 709 in singles. Ted has consistently had a high 200 average since 1991. In the 1993-94 season in the Greater Syracuse League, he won league high average with 220, which was a record at the time. He had high average in the league during the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 seasons. He was a member of the winning team in the Syracuse City Association Tournament in 1998 and 2001. He also won the Association doubles title in 1993 with Tom Osinski.

Ono Moro 2006 outstanding veteran



Ono has been a member of the Syracuse Bowling Association for almost 60 years. He has always been a tough competitor and a gracious opponent, earning the respect of his peers. He held a 200+ average for more than 40 years and spent much of his years bowling in the Greater Syracuse League (GSL) on demanding conditions. Ono's highest league average was 218 with a high series of 781 in the city league in 1988-89. In 1974, Ono bowled the first 300 game at the then-new Turn Hall Lanes. Five times he has been a member of championship teams in the Greater Syracuse League and on two occasions he had the high average in the Suburban Division of the league. In 1976, Ono was a member of the Association tournament team champion "Santaro Trucking." Ono has five 300 games.

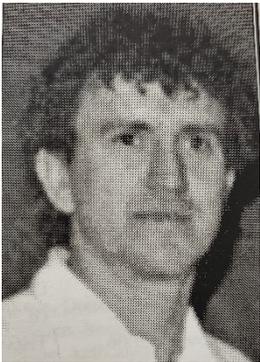
Joseph Willis Jr. 2006 meritorious service



Joe served on the Syracuse Bowling Association Board of Directors for more than 20 years. He started as a director in 1985 and worked his way up to the presidency in 1998-99. He served as president when Syracuse hosted the 1999 A.B.C. national tournament. During the 1997 and 1998 seasons, he served on the SBA's national tournament

planning committee. Over the years, Joe served on 88 association committees, including chairman 26 times. In the 2005-06 season, Joe served as chairman of the Association's (ABC to USBC) Transition Board. Under his calm leadership, that committee was able to perform the tedious and lengthy process of changing the Syracuse Bowling Association from being affiliated with the ABC to being affiliated with the USBC.

James Robarge 2007 outstanding performance



While bowling in Syracuse from 1970 to 1991, Jim carried a lifetime average of 201. His career accomplishments include being King of the Hill in 1972 and 1973 on the "Syracuse Bowls" television show. In 1975, he won the B.P.A.A. Match Games championship. He paired with Gus Russo to win the Van

Wie doubles tournament in 1975, 1977 and 1990. In 1976, he won the Cream of the Crop Tournament and also was the high qualifier and second-place finisher in the Watkins Glen Winter Carnival tournament. Jim is a New York State doubles champion with Mike Cornish and a member of the 1982 New York State team champions. Jim was selected numerous times to the "World of Ten Pins All Star team" and was voted Bowler of the Year in Syracuse in 1977 and 1978.

Charles D. Kratz Sr. 2007 Meritorious Service



Charles has been bowling in the S.B.A. for over fifty years. During that time, he has been a league secretary in numerous leagues including twenty-six years as secretary of the Carrier # 1 League. He has also served as league President. In 1973, he was selected to the Board of Directors of the Syracuse Bowling Association,

a position that he still maintained until his death in 2009. Charlie's love was the BVL, he received awards for best contributions among all leagues. He was also the liaison between the local VA and the Associations for purchasing the needs of our veterans from the collections. Between the years of 1985 and 1989, he served as Vice- President of the Syracuse Bowling Association and served as the President of the S.B.A. for the 1989-90 season.

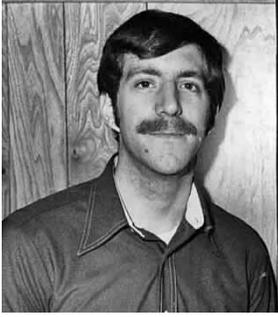
Joseph Creno 2008 Outstanding Bowler



Joe was elected to the Syracuse Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 2008. He spent his whole life around bowling and participated in all facets of the game. Joe was an outstanding bowler, a bowling center proprietor for 10 years, a bowling pro-shop owner for 40 years. He was as an outstanding

ambassador of the game of bowling. He competed in 20 national tournaments as well many state and PBA tournaments. His career accomplishments include multiple 300 games, 800 series, "King of the Hill" on the "Syracuse Bowls" television show, second high qualifier behind Earl Anthony in Portland's PBA tournament Joe was a member of many City League and Post-Standard Classic League championship teams. He was on two New York State championship teams and held a high average of 218 in 1978.

Lloyd "Buddy" Amidon 2008 Outstanding Bowler



Buddy has been an outstanding bowler in Syracuse for many years. He consistently maintained an average over 200 with his highest being 229 in the 1994-95 season. He has countless 300 games and has a high series of 827. Buddy

bowled on multiple league championship teams and also held many scoring records. In 1985, he won the Syracuse Bowling Association singles title and all-events title. He was a member of the New York State team champion, Creno & Kelly Pro Shop, which bowled a score of 3120 in 1989. In 1995, his Creno's Bowl Mor Lanes team won the Syracuse Bowling Association tournament. Buddy teamed with Bob Gray to win the Van Wie Doubles in 1986 and in 1989, he was a member of the Barbagallo's team which shot a then-association record of 3641. Between 1993 and 1996, Buddy recorded 80 consecutive series of over 600 in the same league.

Paul Bernet 2008 Outstanding Bowler



Paul was elected as an outstanding bowler to the Syracuse Bowling Association in 2008. He was the Secretary of the Syracuse Bowling Association from 1929 to 1936. He was the former manager of Jefferson Bowling Lanes in Syracuse and Fulton Lanes in Fulton. Paul was the first person to roll a 300 game at Jefferson Lanes.

He also was instrumental in bringing the American Bowling Congress National Tournament to Syracuse in 1935. In the late 1920s and early 1930s, he wrote for the Herald Journal sports department. His career highlights include being a member of the Syracuse City championship team in 1925 and winning the City championship with North Side Tire in 1929. Twice he was a member of the City championship doubles team, in 1933 with Pat Crowe and in 1934 with Frank Liss. Paul had the second-highest average in the City League (206) in 1934.

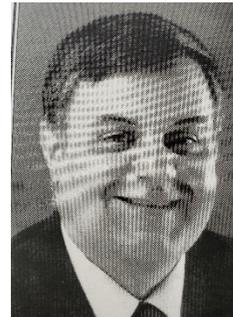
Sam Ventura 2009 Outstanding Bowler



Sam joined the Syracuse Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 2009. Sam began his bowling career in Utica (NY) in 1971 at the age of 13. In his first tournament, the Utica Jr. City tournament, he finished first in all-events, second in singles and second in doubles. Just a few of Sam's bowling accomplishments include winning

the Herald Masters in 1985, winning the New York State Masters in 1989 and 1990, and being a member of the 1989 New York State team event scratch champions. He won two Syracuse Bowling Association team championships, and two doubles championships. He won the Ohio Majors Bowling Federation Title in 1999, 2000 and 2001, and he is a two-time ABC Masters finalist. In 2003, he was the High Roller Forty and Over champion. He has more than thirty-five 300 games, fifteen 800 series and twelve 299 games.

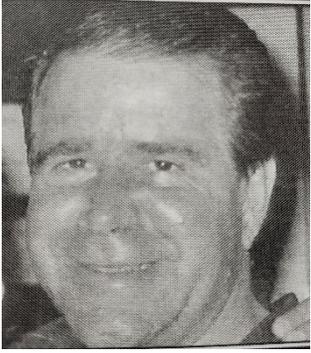
James Stark 2009 Meritorious Service



Jim is being honored by the Syracuse Bowling Association for his many years of service to the Association as well as his many years of serving as secretary-treasurer of many leagues. Jim was been a member of the Board of Directors of the Syracuse Bowling Association for 24 years. He served as a director from 1985 to 1993, vice

president from 1993 to 1997, and president during the 1997-98 season. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Eastwood Merchants League from 1990 to 1998 and was a longtime secretary-treasurer of the Fremont Classic/Marty Piraino Classic League, beginning in 1999. Jim has numerous 700 series, three 300 games and one 800 series. Jim has been on many championship teams, including league and association tournaments.

Terry Touranjoe 2009 Outstanding Veteran



Terry passed away in 2008 from illness in the prime of his life. During his brief time in Syracuse, he had a major impact on bowling in this city. Starting when he bowled in the Junior League at Fairmount Bowling Center, you could see then that he was going to be a star. He was always among the

league leaders in average and was on many championship teams. He had a successful career at Onondaga Community College and while there, he won a bowling scholarship to West Texas State University. While attending OCC, Terry led the bowling team to the Region Three National Junior College Athletic Association team championship in 1980 while also winning the individual Region Three All-Events title. Also, in 1980, he won the OCC Singles Classic Tournament. In 1984, while attending West Texas State University, Terry was chosen to the College All-American Bowling Team. Some of his achievements in Syracuse include seven 300 games, finishing third in the 1981 Herald Masters and seventh in the 1984 Masters. In the 1986 Van Wie Doubles, he finished third with Butch Seymour, while also rolling a 300 game in the tournament.

Richard Gilbo 2009 Outstanding Veteran



Dick was a well-respected bowler in Syracuse for many years. He bowled in The Post-Standard Classic League and the City League for years while carrying averages between 195 and 210. Dick was a member of one Syracuse City League championship team as well as two Syracuse

Association team championships. Dick was a member of the championship team in the Schenectady Press Tournament and on several occasions won a spot in the local Professional Bowlers Tournament which used to be held in Syracuse. Dick has two 300 games and numerous 700 series.